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Ms Gibb's recent publications include *Farmworkers from afar: Results from an international study of seasonal farmworkers from Mexico and the Caribbean working on Ontario farms*, 2006, "Engendering Labour Mobility Agreements" and "Gender Integration in APEC: A Retrospective", in *Gender and Trade: A Policy Research Dialogue on Mainstreaming Gender into Trade Policies*, Status of Women Canada, 2006.

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